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Reply to Attn of:

General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the
Women in Aerospace (WIA) Breakfast on February 11, 2013

On February 11, 2013, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a breakfast at Hyatt Regency Washington, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Representative Donna Edwards will be speaking at the event.

Approximately, 150 are expected to attend, including attendees from the aerospace industry, academia, other Federal agencies, and selected members of the media. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$36. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned event is in the interest of the Agency, because it will further agency programs and operations. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their accompanying guest.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the host, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone